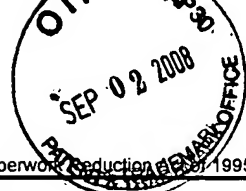


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In re Application of
Modha et al.
Application Number 10/733,155 Filed December 11, 2003
For Method for Forming an Elastomeric Article
Art Unit 1791 Examiner Vargot, Mathieu D.

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- ☒ **NOTICE OF APPEAL:** Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.31, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated May 28, 2008 of the Examiner twice/finally rejecting claims 77-91, 94-109 and 112-115.
- ☐ **BRIEF** on appeal in this application pursuant to 37 CFR 41.37 is transmitted herewith (1 copy).
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